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They Are Fundamentally Opposite Extremes In Evolution.

The Caucasian has the subjective facalties well developed; the negro the obsective. The Caucasian, and more particularly the Anglo-Saxon, is dominant and domineering and possessed primadly with deter ination, will power, self control, self government and all the attributes of the subjective self, with a high development of the ethical and aesthetic faculties and great reasoung powers. The negro is in direct contrast by reason of a certain lack of these powers, and a great development the objective qualities. The negro is primarily affectionate, immensely emotional, then sensual, ar under or ontward show, of oster . ion, of upprobation. He loves melody and a rude kind of poetry and sonorous lauguage. There is undeveloped artistic power and taste-negroes make good artisans and handicraftsmen. They are deficient in judgment, in the formation of new ideas from existing facts, in devising hypotheses and in making deductions in general. They are imitative rather than original, inventive or constructive. There is instability of character incident to lack of self control, especially in connection with the sexual relation, and there is a lack of orientation or recognition of position and condition of self and environment, evidenced in various ways, but by a peculiar "bumptiousness," so called by Professor Blackshear of Texas, this is particularly noticeable.

The white and the black races are antipodal, then, in cardinal points. The one has a large frontal region of the brain, the other a larger region behind; the one is subjective, the other objective; the one a great reasoner, the other pre-eminently emotional; the one domineering, but having great self control, the other meek and submissive, but violen and lacking self control when the passions are aroused; the one a very advanced race, the other a very backward one. The Caucasian and the negro are fundamentally opposite extremes in evolution.-Robert Bennett Bean in Century.

PLANT PECULIARITIES.

No plant will produce flowers unless there is from in the soil in which it

All plants are provided with flowers, though sometimes these are so small and so hidden as to escape notice.

The bleeding heart, according to an eastern legend, originated in the drops of blood which fell from Christ's side at

the crucifixion.

Every flower that has a perfume at all secretes a volatile oil, the evaporation of which constitutes the peculiar odor characteristic of the blossom.

The smallest flower known to the botanist is said to be that of the yeast plant. It is microscopic in size and is said to be only one-hundredth of a millimeter in diameter.

According to the poetical idea of Catullus, the rose was once white, but blushed red and remained so out of shame for allowing its thorns to inflict a wound on the feet of Venus,

A Turkish Story.

The Turk, as a rule, is not energetic but he is capable of sudden bursts of activity. A writer in Cassell's Family Magazine gives an illustration:

He was going home late one night in Constantinople when a man ran by him, pursued by four zaptiehs. Directly they caught the man they belabored him vigorously with the butt ends of their guns. The Englishman inter-

"If he is a thief, why not take him to prison and let him be tried properly? Don't half kill the man without a

"O effendi," said the spokesman of the party, "we don't mind his being a thief. We're only hitting him because of the trouble he gave us to run after him." And that is an offense which the average Turk never forgives.

The Catlike Fox.

The fox is an excellent, mouser. will lie and watch for a field mouse in the long grass like a cat, pounce upon it, kill it with a bite and lay it on one side until he has caught another and another, when, picking them all up, as many as he can carry in his mouth, he will canter away with them to serve them out to the cubs. This fact was confirmed by witnesses in Scotland who were examined by a committee o the board of agriculture when tak'n; evidence on the occasion of the plagu of field voles on the lowland shee; farms in 1893 .- London Graphic.

Pay Premfums Promptly. · Those who carry life, insurance, pol cies should be careful to see that the premiums are promptly paid. Neglect in this important matter has caused policies to be forfeited. It is best to pay premiums a few days before they are due. On the final day the policy holder may forget it or be called away as many things can happen to cause neglect of payment.-Nashville Amer-

Embarrassing Attentions. "A dog," said meandering Mike, "is one o' the few animals dat'll foller a

Plolding Pete seemed to consider this statement for a moment, says the Washington Star, and then answered: That's so. One was follering 10 yesterday so fast I could hardly keep

Blaming the Weather.

"This is awfully sticky weather. "Do you find it so?"

"Yes, Bilkins stuck me for another five this morning."-Cleveland Plain but saying in other words that he

THE EYEBROWS.

Some Superstitions and Odd Beliefs

Concerning Them. Notwithstanding their inconspicuousness, the eyebrows have been the center of a certain amount of lore and even superstition. But the chief point at which superstition or folklore is found in this cohection is in those cases, not infrequent, where the eyebrows meet. Everywhere this meeting of the brows has been held to be omi-

nous in one way or another. In some of our southern counties folks say that it is good to have such brows, for the possessor will never have trouble; but this is a rare interpretation. As a rule, the meeting brows are held to be of evil omen. Readers of Charles Kingsley's "Two Years Ago" will remember Mrs. Harvey's face, which had been handsome and was still clever; "but the eyebrows," continues Kingsley, "crushed together downward above her nose and, rising high at the outer corners. indicated as surely as the restless down drop eye a character self conscious, furtive, capable of great inconsistencies, possibly of great deceits."

In the Icelandie sagas a man with meeting eyebrows is said to be one of the dreadful creatures known as werewolves, and the same belief has been traced in Denniark and Germany; while in Greece, says Mr. Baring Gould, they are a sign that a man is a vampire. In horror there is little to choose between wampires and werewolves. A fanciful reason which has been given for these superstitions is that the meeting brows resemble a butterfly, "the familiar type of a soul ready to fly off and enter some other body." This seems tolerably far

fetched. In Hungary gypsy women and men whose eyebrows grow together are supposed to have in special degree the power to enchantment, and as illiterate folk have a great dread of such mysterious powers, especially as they may be supposed to be directed against the well being or happiness of their children, it need hardly be said that a man whose brows meet is not a popular person. Even pow there are parts of England where a belief in witchcraft still lingers, and not so very long ago in Northumberland there were people who regarded a person whose eyebrows met as a witch or warlock,

In the north of Aberdeenshire, according to the late Rev. Walter Gregor. who was a very competent authority on Scottish lore and customs, a "closebroot man"-that is, one whose eyebrows meet-was regarded as being immoral. Elsewhere in Scotland one with "close broos" was regarded as unlucky to be met as "first fit," while other folk went a good deal further and regarded the unlucky possessor of "close broos" as one foredoomed to be hanged .- London Globe.

St. Valentine,

St. Valentine, presbyter and martyr, unlike many saints who are specially remembered, did nothing which could have suggested the manner in which his day is celebrated. It was his fortune to suffer martyrdom (he was beaten with a cub and then beheaded) at a time when the heathens of southern Europe were accustomed to observe the return of spring. The quick eyes of those dependent upon sunlight for warmth learned to note and welcome every indication of the approaching season. They watched the birds, and when they saw them mating and making love they were minded to do the same, and so strong was the habit that, as with Christmas day, the good fathers did not attempt to root out the custom, but to connect it with some holy name, and St. Valentine's day of martyrdom fitted very nearly to that

Hanged and Tarred.

An English custom of not so long ago was to hang smuggler on gibbets arranged along the coasts and then tar the bodies that they might be preserved a long while as a warring to other cuiprics. As late as 1822 three men thus varnished could have been seen hang ing before Dover castle. Sometimes the process was extended to robbers assassins, incendiaries and other criminals. John Painter, who fired the dockyard at Portsmouth, was first hanged and then tarred in 1776. From time to time he was given a fresh coat of varnish and thus was made to last nearly fourteen years. The weird custom did not stop smuggling or other crime, I.V no doubt it worked some influence as a preventive.

"Touching Wood."

Can any reader explain the origin of touching wood after boasting of one's exemption from ill fortune?-a species of absit omen practised in Shropshire and Cheshire and probably in many other parts of England. The procedure is of this kind. "I'm thankful to say I never broke a bone or even had a bad sprain in my life-well, I'd better touch wood, and a chair or table or anything near that is wooden is touched. Can the custom come from some lingering memory of the veneration attached to relics of the true cross?-London Notes and Queries.

Touching a Button. Wife-I've just been reading an article on electricity, John, and it appears that before long we shall be able to get bretty well everything we want by just touching a button. Husband-You'd never be able to get anything that way. Wife-Why not, John? Husband-Recause nothing on earth would ever make you touch a button. Look at my shirt!

A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong. It is wiser today, than yesterday.

MOHAMMED'S BLOODY HAND

History of the Imprint on a Pillar In the Church of St. Sophia. In the course of our exploration in

Constantinople we visited a building in an obscure and poor quarter of Stansboul inhabited solely by Moham-

It is called the Mosque Kahrie, but it is or was a church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. The beauty of the mosque ceiling and walls not even centuries of neglect have been able to ob-

When we returned to the great Church of St. Sophia, now a mosque, and saw again the print of the bloody hand of Mohammed, which is pointed out high up on the wall of that once Christian church, we understand its significance better than we had at first

Mohammed II. after advancing his. outposts gradually and stealthily had finally, as if in a night, crossed the Bosporus from Asia and raised his forts on the European side of the stream. Just the day before, on a trip up the Bosporus, we had seen the

ruins of those fortifications. The rulers of the city had protested in vain against this encroachment. When the Moslems finally attacked the city the Christians fled in terror to St. Sophia. An ancient legend, firmly believed, promised that this sanctuary was absolutely safe.

Mohammed proved the fallacy of their trust by breaking down the doors, murdering those who had sought safety there, men, women and childrenso many of them that finally, forcing his herse over the great pile of dead bodies, away up on the side of a pillar he planted his bloody hand on the clear wall in token of his victory over the Christians. That gory hand still overshadows the fairest portion of southeastern Europe.-Rosary Maga-

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